

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

WINIFRED BLACKLEDGE	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	CIVIL ACTION NUMBER:
	)	06-cv-321-ID
	)	JURY DEMAND
	)	
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF	)	
MENTAL HEALTH & MENTAL	)	
RETARDATION & COMMISSIONER	)	
JOHN HOUSTON, in his Official Capacity	)	
as Commissioner of the Alabama	)	
Department of Mental Health &	)	
Mental Retardation	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW**

COMES NOW, Benjamin J. De Gweck, one of the attorneys of record for the plaintiff in the above styled action and moves to withdraw as counsel of record. As grounds for this Motion, counsel states the following:

1. As of March 9, 2007 Benjamin J. De Gweck will no longer be associated with the firm Wiggins, Childs, Quinn & Pantazis, LLC. Rocco Calamusa, Jr., and Joshua D. Wilson, who are already counsel of record in the case, will continue to represent the plaintiff in the above styled case.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Benjamin J. De Gweck prays that this Court will grant his Motion to Withdraw as counsel for the plaintiff in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Benjamin J. DeGweck

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 5, 2007, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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